

foray

an initial attempt (especially outside your usual areas of competence)

scrutinize

to examine in detail with careful or critical attention

inchoate

not fully formed; disorganized

flotsam

the debris of a wrecked ship or its cargo found floating on the sea

wrest

To pull away by a violent twisting or wringing.

mawkish

Excessively and objectionably
sentimental

connoisseur

an expert; one who is well qualified to pass
critical judgments

impel

cause to move forward with force

amorphous

formless; lacking shape or
definition

mercenary

a person hired to fight for another
country than their own

recoil

to spring back

puerile

childish, immature, silly

bevy

a group (especially of women or
birds)

gravitate

move toward something (due to
the pull of gravitation)

senile

infirm, weak as a result of old age

retinue

group of followers or assistants attending a distinguished person

deter

to discourage or prevent from taking action

discriminating

marked by the ability to see or make fine distinctions (especially in matters of taste)

zealot

a fervent (even militant) fan of something; someone passionately devoted to a cause

usurp

seize and take control without authority (and possibly with force)

philanthropic

showing a desire to help others by giving gifts;
charitable; humane

surveillance

a watch kept over a person; careful, close, and
disciplined observation

confiscate

to seize (by force if necessary); to
take possession of

prodigious

extraordinary in bulk, quantity, or degree; great
in size, enormous

largess

generous giving of gifts (to people who have less,
often accompanied by condescension)